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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the preliminary results of the 2005 Dry Bean Cleaners Inquiry and the Growers' Dry Bean Survey. Acreage, yield, and production are reported for selected states and the United States.

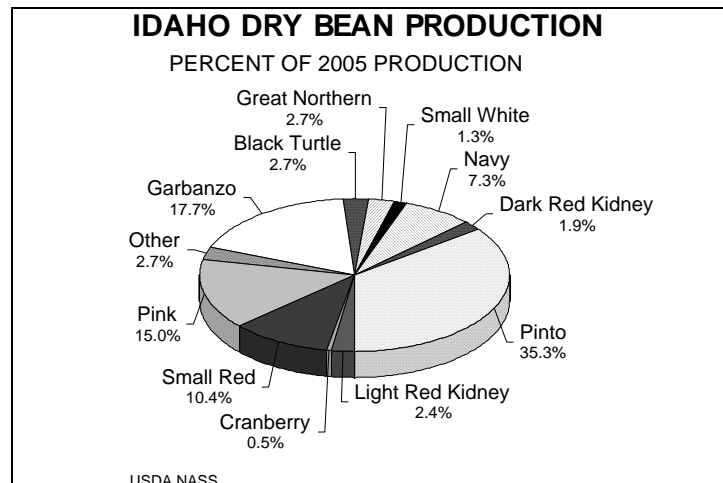
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Sincerely,

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Idaho Dry Bean Production Up 14 Percent from Last Year

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Idaho's 2005 dry edible bean production is expected to total 1.86 million cwt, unchanged from the December forecast, but up 14 percent from last year's production of 1.64 million cwt. Planted acreage of 100,000 and harvested acreage of 98,000 increased from last year's 80,000 acres planted and 78,000 acres harvested. Average yield is expected to be 1,900 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from the previous year.



Pinto production increased from last year, and continues to account for the largest portion of Idaho's crop with 35.3 percent of Idaho's production. Chickpea (garbanzo) production increased 84 percent from the 2004 crop, accounting for 17.7 percent of the total. The majority of chickpea production was the large type. Pink production accounted for 15.0 percent of all production. Small red production accounted for 10.4 percent of production. Navy production accounted for 7.3 percent. Great northern and black production each accounted for 2.7 percent of Idaho's production. Small whites, light red kidneys, dark red kidneys, cranberries, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho. Of the 12 classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2005, great northern, small whites, cranberries, and blacks posted production losses. All other classes posted production gains.

Nationally, production of dry edible beans is estimated at 27.2 million cwt for 2005, up less than 1 percent from the December forecast and 53 percent above last year. Harvested area is estimated at 1.56 million acres, virtually unchanged from the last forecast, but up 28 percent from 2004. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,742 pounds per acre, an increase of 11 pounds from the December forecast and 283 pounds above a year ago. Production is above a year ago in 15 of the 17 major producing States. Most notable production increases from last year are Minnesota up 111 percent, Colorado 83 percent higher, and North Dakota increasing 81 percent. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, navy, great northern, pinto, light red kidney, dark red kidney, pink, small red, blackeye, and small and large chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for small white, cranberry, and black.

All Dry Beans: Acreage, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2004 – 2005

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State	Planted		Harvested		Yield ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
California	60.0	66.0	57.0	65.0	2,020	2,130	1,152	1,385
Colorado	75.0	125.0	67.0	115.0	1,550	1,650	1,039	1,898
Idaho	80.0	100.0	78.0	98.0	2,100	1,900	1,638	1,862
Michigan	190.0	235.0	185.0	230.0	1,700	1,700	3,145	3,910
Minnesota	115.0	145.0	100.0	135.0	1,150	1,800	1,150	2,430
Nebraska	120.0	175.0	110.0	172.0	2,160	2,250	2,376	3,870
North Dakota	560.0	620.0	475.0	565.0	1,000	1,520	4,750	8,588
Oregon	8.0	9.0	7.5	8.8	1,550	2,000	116	176
Washington	30.0	49.0	29.0	48.0	2,100	1,650	609	792
U.S. Total	1,354.3	1,659.3	1,219.3	1,562.9	1,459	1,742	17,788	27,222

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. 2/ Clean basis.

Dry Bean Production by Commercial Class: Selected States and United States, 2005

Class	CA	CO	ID	MI	MN	NE	ND	OR	WA	U.S.
	<i>Thousand Cwt</i>									
Pinto	--	1,640	658	280	327	1,982	6,530	20	249	13,101
Pink	3	--	280	--	128	--	163	8	80	662
Small Red	--	--	193	540	29	--	63	--	78	903
Navy	--	--	136	1,310	914	78	1,330	14	18	3,942
Great Northern	--	--	51	30	--	1,382	70	--	15	1,585
Black	7	--	50	1,130	124	60	254	12	37	1,802
Lt. Red Kidney	57	113	45	240	183	304	--	11	24	1,111
Dk. Red Kidney	22	--	36	110	659	--	47	13	22	919
Small White	--	--	24	--	--	--	--	9	14	47
Cranberry	13	--	9	140	--	--	--	--	--	162
Large Chickpeas	230	--	293	--	--	8	40	46	207	922
Small Chickpeas	--	--	36	--	--	--	63	9	26	149
Other ^{1/}	1,053	145	51	130	66	56	28	34	22	1,917
All Dry Beans	1,385	1,898	1,862	3,910	2,430	3,870	8,588	176	792	27,222

1/ Includes lima, blackeye, and other classes.

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